

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend paragraph [00001] as follows:

CLAIM TO DOMESTIC PRIORITY

[00001] This application is a U.S. National Stage Application filed under 35 U.S.C. 371 claiming priority from the International Application No. PCT/US2003/032887, filed October 14, 2003, which claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/417,843, filed October 11, 2002, and which applications are incorporated herein by reference. ~~This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional application Serial No. 60/417,843 entitled "Molecular Signature and Assay for Fluoroquinolone Resistance in *Bacillus Anthracis*" filed October 11, 2002, by Paul S. Keim *et al.*, and is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.~~